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**Notice and Agenda for the Meeting of the  
DISCHARGED SERVICEMEMBER TASK FORCE**

**Thursday, December 18, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Union League Club of Chicago  
65 W. Jackson Blvd., Room 830  
Chicago, IL 60604

**All of the below listed agenda items are for review and discussion by the Task Force:**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call of Members and Introduction of Guests
2. Progress Report on Policy Recommendations from DSTF's Q1 meeting on Health Care: Access, Behavioral Health, and Transportation – IDVA Acting Director Rodrigo Garcia
3. Introduction and Overview of Meeting Focus Area: **ECONOMIC VITALITY: EMPLOYMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND EDUCATION** – IDVA Acting Director Rodrigo Garcia
4. Roundtable Discussion –
  - a. Employment
    - i. Resources for Job-Seeking Veterans
      - Hiring Events
      - State Programs/Service Outlets
      - Licensing & Credentialing
    - ii. Mobilizing Employers
      - Illinois Hires Heroes Consortium (IHHC)
      - Tax Incentives
      - Exploring New Innovative Public-Private Partnerships
    - iii. Veterans Preference for State Employment
  - b. Entrepreneurship
    - i. Programs & Resources for Veteran-Owned Businesses
      - Illinois Veterans Business Program
      - Mission: Veterans 2 Entrepreneurs
      - Women's Vetrepreneurship Program
    - ii. Resources from Non-Profits/Academic/Private Entities

- c. Education
  - i. Awarding Academic Credit for Prior Military Training
    - *MyCreditsTransfer*
  - ii. Applying Military Experience toward Licensing and Credentialing Requirements
    - NGA Policy Academy
    - Military Bridge Programs
  - iii. Illinois Veterans' Grant (IVG)
  - iv. University Support Policies and Programs
    - Priority Registration
    - Cultural Awareness Training
    - Veteran Coordinators/Career Centers
- 5. Policy Recommendations
- 6. Closing Remarks and Announcements – IDVA Acting Director Rodrigo Garcia
- 7. Adjournment